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31 *Passages to the Continents* (1999)

Arlene Slavin

Powder-Coated Steel

**Sponsored by the Carolinas Chapter of
Safari Club International**

Intended to function as “gateways” into the Zoo’s North America and Africa regions from either side of the Junction Plaza, these sculptures incorporate animal and plant imagery representative of the rich biodiversity of each continent.

LOCATION:

Africa: Forest Aviary to Forest Edge



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32 *The Bird Garden* (1996)

Jim Hirschfield & Sonya Ishii

Painted Steel

Donated to the N.C. Zoo by the artists

The theme of this elegant and provocative suite of seven sculptures is species loss. They are subtle and somber reminders of the profound impact of human actions. The birds include the Huia of North Island, New Zealand, last seen in 1907, the Laughing Owl of New Zealand, the Spectacled Cormorant, last seen in 1850, Martha, the last Passenger Pigeon seen in the US in 1914, the Great Auk of the Isle of Puffin, the Dodo and the Pink Headed Duck, last seen in 1945.



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33 *NC Zoo, Inside Out* video (2010)

Sponsored by Bob and Bonnie Meeker

The NC Zoo, Inside Out video is located at four touch screen stations throughout the Park. It is a behind the scenes look at the Zoo containing five segments totaling 40 minutes. By viewing the segments, either individually or together, visitors find out who takes care of the zoo animals, explore how water connects everything on earth and at the Zoo, see how the Zoo turns tons of animal poop into “black gold” for the plants and gain a better understanding of how exhibits are taken from the original concept to the finished habitat.